CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Sophia Royale

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1000005.000

Medium: DVD

Distributor: Calvista NZ Ltd

Director: Laurent Sky

Producer: Jim Enright

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	The unexcised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable. The excised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: Recommended but not made

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 17 February 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Scenes Trailers	

	Photo Gallery	
Feature(s):	Sophia Royale	91:25
Timed component(s):	Teenage Delinquents Pin Up Perversions With Krystal Steal Filthy's Sinoritas 3 Photo Gallery Notices	0:59 1:00 0:59 18:47 0:54
Total running time:		114:04

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a sexually explicit DVD. A trailer on the DVD, entitled "Teenage Delinquents" causes the publication to tend to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. Had the excision been made, the DVD would have been classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. However, the distributor declined to excise this trailer and therefore the DVD is deemed to be objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression. However, the decision is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.